

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection of the pending claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,892,909 to GRASSO et al., hereinafter GRASSO.

In the communication apparatus of the present invention, a server transmits a HTML file stored in a storage device to at least one terminal of a plurality of terminals, in accordance with a request for the HTML file from the at least one terminal. A communicator connects the at least one terminal to the communication apparatus when a connection request is detected, in which the connection request is made by an applet embedded in the HTML file transmitted to the at least one terminal. In response to the reception of facsimile (or e-mail) data, the communicator transmits a reception notification to the at least one connected terminal via the network. The applet is utilized by the at least one terminal when the reception of the facsimile (or e-mail) data is detected, such that the communicator transmits the reception notification so that the facsimile (or e-mail) data is distinguishable by the at least one terminal. The communicator continues to connect to the at least one terminal for a predetermined period when an arrive notification is received, and terminates the connection when an end notification is received. The arrive notification and the end notification are

transmitted from the applet embedded in the HTML file. This feature is disclosed, inter alia, at pages 15 and 16 of Applicant's specification, and is illustrated in, inter alia, Fig. 8 of Applicant's drawings.

Applicant submits that at least the above is not disclosed (or even suggested) by the applied art of record, and thus, the present invention, as defined by the pending claims are not anticipated by GRASSO. Specifically, Applicant submits that GRASSO discloses (see, for example, column 25, lines 14-24) the launching of an applet to enter an appropriate URL address in a browser. Applicant submits that GRASSO does not disclose (or even suggest) that a communicator continues to connect to the at least one terminal for a predetermined period when an arrive notification is received, and that the connection to the at least one terminal is terminated when an end notification is received, in which the arrive notification and the end notification are transmitted from the applet embedded in the HTML file that was transmitted to the at least one terminal.

By the current amendment, Applicant cancels, without prejudice, the previously pending claims, and submits new claims 44-52 that are based upon the prior claims, but which are drafted to clarify that the communicator transmits a reception notification so that facsimile data or e-mail data is distinguishable by the at least one terminal, the communicator remaining connected to the at least one terminal for a predetermined period after an arrive notification is received, with the connection between the communicator and the at least one terminal being terminated when an end notification

is received, in which the arrive notification and the end notification are transmitted by an applet embedded in an HTML file that was transmitted to the at least one terminal.

As at least this feature is lacking from the applied art of record, Applicant submits that the pending claims are distinguishable from the applied art of record. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection, to indicate the allowability of the newly submitted claims, and to pass this application to issue.

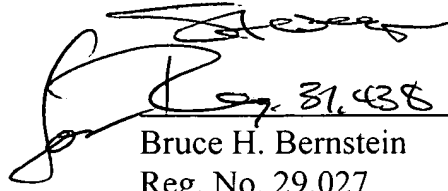
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record discloses or even suggests the present invention, as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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